Welcome Back to School

I would like to welcome the return of students and their families to school and I hope everyone had a refreshing holiday. For the new families to Byron Bay Public School especially those commencing their first year of primary education, I wish a special welcome. I would like to encourage them to become an active member of our school community. Also, a warm welcome back to our school staff members who have spent many days of their holidays preparing for the start of the year.

Kindergarten Teaching Team
Rebecca Miller, Michelle Turner, Natalie Guiffre, Raelene Mordacai, Freya Stevenson-Smith

Stage 1 Teaching Team
Michelle Spry, Carolyn Finter/Sarah Robinson, Kelli Stevens, Amy Rayner, Kelly Huxtable, Davida Keppi, Zane Vockler, Kristen Monty

Stage 2 Teaching Team
Jack Phelps, Kirsty Paron, Barry Spry, Michelle Wright, Cory Whitney, Karen Peak/Sue Spargo, Holly Stanton-Gillan

Stage 3 Teaching Team
Tony Hutchinson, Heather West, Lyndal Rhodes/Carly Hogan, Amanda Webber, Kamley Lyndon, Julie Pavlovich

Support Teaching Team

Office Administration Team
Gaye McKenna, Nikki Kempnich, Donna Wooldridge, Tracy Brown, Sherry Cooper, Natalie Stain, Boyd Kellner, Judie Corr, Kathy Frame, Jenny Dobson, Cheryl Edwards.

Parent involvement
Our school community prides itself on the positive relationship existing between the parents and the school. It is a foundation we base our success as a school community. All parents are encouraged to participate in school activities. Here are a few ideas:

- Join our Parents and Citizens Association – First meeting on 12 February at 6.30pm at school
- Attend our Monday morning assemblies
- Talk with your child’s teachers about how you can help as a reading parent
- Help in our great canteen – Contact Mandy for more information
- Meet your child’s teachers at the parent evenings in first term
- Attend school sporting carnivals, our swimming carnival is on 5 February.

School newsletter
The school newsletter is published every Wednesday and distributed to parents as an email, paper copy and is on the school’s website and Schoolstream. Our aim is reduce resources used to produce the newsletter and encourage parents to receive an email newsletter. Please tick this option on the General Consent form and return to school.

What’s Coming Up!
Term 1
Week 2
Tuesday, 3 February
* First day for Kindergarten
* Arts Committee Meeting @ 3.30pm
* Band Committee Meeting @ 6.00pm

Wednesday, 4 February
* S1 Parent Information Meeting @ 4.30pm in hall

Thursday, 5 February
* Swimming Carnival (8yrs & older)

Week 3
Monday, 9 February
* BVPSSA Cricket Trials

Thursday, 12 February
* P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm

Friday, 13 February
* BV Swimming Carnival
* Band Raffles @ Services Club

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE “Make a Payment”
PAYMENTS NOW DUE
Book Packs - $50
School Contribution - $75
Swimming Carnival - $2.60 (8yrs & older)

School Donations: Building A Better Foundation
The school has established two tax deductible funds to enable parents, relatives and friends the opportunity to make donations. The Building Fund has provided financial support to complete our school hall renovations, install reverse cycle air-conditioning units in every classroom and construct classroom computer centres. During the next three years, the Building Fund will be used to improve playground facilities. The Library Fund has provided reading materials for guided reading, home reading and the Reading Eggs technology program. This fund will continue to expand reading resources and technology for literacy learning.

After School Care
Vacancies are now available in After School Care.
Hours - 3.15-6.00pm
Contact Rohan on 0408 481 628

Respectful - Responsible - Fair
Member of the Lighthouse Valley of Schools
Byron Bay Public School stands proudly on the traditional land of the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation
Term 1 calendar
The Term 1 calendar will be sent out next week but ensure you check the newsletter for any variations.

School Captains 2015
I congratulate our new school captains Amelie Pollock, Keshava Raju, Jonah Wentzel and Elia Whan who will commence their year in office this week. Our student leaders will be presented with their badges on Monday 9 February, the Member for Ballina and the North Coast Don Page will be attending our school assembly.

School Fees and Book Packs
This year the annual School Contribution Fee ($75) and Book Pack ($50) are part of the school’s budget. Parents are reminded to pay their school fees and book pack payments as soon as possible. Payments can be now made online through our school website “Make a Payment”. The funds from our school fees include a voluntary donation plus payment for the Life Education Program, the Alpha Show, the Brainstorm Production Show and subscription to Mathletics and Reading Eggs. The book pack payment covers the cost of stationery and books used in classrooms.

French Classes
Students have the opportunity to learn to speak French at school. Classes are held before and after school. If you are interested in French lessons contact Francoise Pirondeu 0417 250 600.

Playgroup
The school’s playgroup will resume on Thursday 5 February in the hall from 9.30am – 11.00am. Contact the office for more information.

Geoff Spargo
Principal

School Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival is planned as a day carnival on Thursday 5 February for students 8 years and older. All students are to arrive at school as normal, with the exception of students competing in the Individual Medally events. These students are required to be at the pool by 9.00am. Teachers will mark the roll at school before walking the children to the pool. Students will return to school before the end of day and go home as normal. Students will be representing their sports house and vying for a place in our swimming team that will compete in the Brunswick Valley District Carnival Friday, 13 February. Cost for the carnival for children and spectators is $2.60. Season pass - free. Students are asked to bring in money into their class teacher prior to the carnival. Parents wishing to take their children directly from the pool are required to have their names marked off at the recording desk.

Canteen lunch orders will be available on this day. Lunches will be delivered to the pool around 11.30am.

Parent Information Sessions
All parents are invited to attend upcoming Parent Information Sessions regarding the upcoming year.
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - Week 4, Wednesday 18 February from 6.00pm in the KS & KR classrooms.
Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2) - Week 2, Wednesday 4 February from 4.30pm in the hall.
Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) - Week 4, Tuesday 17 February from 5.30pm in the library.
Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) - Week 3, Monday 9 February from 5.00pm in the library.

Scripture
Scripture will commence in Week 4, Thursday 19 February. Students will remain in their 2014 scripture classes, unless there are extenuating circumstances. In this case parents are asked to correspond with the Deputy Principal. Any requests for changes are to be submitted by Friday 6 February.

Uniform Shop
Many thanks to the awesome volunteers, Moyra Burke-Smith, Natalie Strain, Jenny Freedman and Zoe Campbell during the extra opening days in the school holidays. If you are still needing uniform items we are well stocked with all items. Weekly opening hours are 8.30-10.30am every Monday. Lastly we need more plastic bags if you have any spare please drop them into the uniform shop or the office.

Thanks Melissa

2015 Requirements for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Students need to bring the following items to school and have them every day for the year. Please have your name on everything….

Thank you Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Teachers

Term 1 - Week 2
Canteen Roster

Mon 2 Feb - Helen McCaffery, Amanda Fox
Tue 3 Feb - Tiffany Sticki, Belinda Whitelock
Wed 4 Feb - Oliver McElligot, Cherrie Sheldrick
Thu 5 Feb - Sarah Link, 1 helper please
Fri 6 Feb - Suzie Farrell, 1 helper please

If you are able to assist us in 2015 please contact Mandy in the canteen or email bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

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- bullet tip artline 70
- coloured pencils
- scissors
- sharpener
- small textas
- pencil case x 1
- eraser
- 0.4 artline black pen x 2
- coloured pencils
- mm ruler (non flexible)